High yields cited

"The South 40"
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In the official Virginia Corn Performance tests there were extremely high yields at both the Orange and Blackstone stations. For example, at the Orange Station there were 32 mid-full season hybrids tested and only 10 were below 200 bushels, while 7 were 225 bushels plus.

We have received the 1981 data and within the next two weeks I anticipate receiving publications with this data plus the two and three year averages. If you are ordering seed corn before the entire data is available, you are welcome to stop by and examine our reference copy.

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Final population figures are in and we find that Appomattox County is growing.

In 1980 the county's population was 9148, by 1970 it grew to 9784, or 6.9% growth. In 1980 the population jumped to 11971 or a 22.4% growth in just 10 years.

The breakdown by race in 1980 is white 9167, black 2778, other 26.

The two incorporated towns lost population. Appomattox dropped from 1400 in 1970 to 1345 in 1980, decrease of 3.9%. Pamplin dropped from 394 in 1970 to 273 in 1980, a 30.7% drop.

1980 census figures for the magesterial districts are:

Southside	Stonewall	Cloverhill
White 4885	White 2137	White 2185
Black 971	Black 1239	Black 568
Other 14	Other 0	Other 6

An entirely new research program is underway at the Middleburg Forage Research Station. The new research thrust is "Forage Systems for Production of Beef from Conception to Slaughter."

This will be an interesting study, one that beef producers will want to monitor closely.

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Some corn hybrids offered for 1982 will carry some resistance to the European Corn Borer as well as other insects. You may want to inquire from your dealer information about insect resistance.

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I note that the Austinville mine is to be closed at the end of this year. Lime has been stockpiled and there should be enough to last until mid-summer. Mining first began on this site in 1856 and lime has always been a by-product.

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There is some new research out of Kentucky that suggests that a split application of nitrogen for corn on certain soil types will increase yields.

They delayed application of at least one-half of the nitrogen fertilizer until 4-6 weeks after planting (knee-high).

The place to use this practice would be on imperfect drained soils and particularly no-tillage on imperfectly drained soils.

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Through November 21 one new bangs infected herd has been identified in Appomattox County.

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The Annual Meeting of the Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Sales will be this Thursday, December 3, at the Appomattox County High School.

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The 1982 Virginia Farm Management Tour has been set for Saturday, July 17, in Appomattox County.

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An outstanding program on beef cattle performance is set for the Red House Bull Test Station December 30, 10:30 a.m. A program will be mailed beef producers.

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PRECIPITATION:

LAST WEEK	.43
THIS MONTH	.50
Normal for month of Nov.	2.89

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

4-H members who have not turned in their money from the Popcorn Sale may do so at their December 4-H meetings. Parents may also bring their 4-H'ers money by the Extension Office.

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Construction of the new Junior Olympic swimming pool at Holiday Lake 4-H Center will begin in early December. National Pools of Roanoke, Inc. will construct the new pool. Plans are for the pool to be completed by early May.

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Senior 4-H members will have an opportunity to apply for a trip to the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D. C. This expense paid trip has been awarded in the past years through 4-H Achievement Records. In 1982, however, Senior 4-H'ers may apply for the trip by completing a Senior Member Information Summary and writing a letter stating why they would like to attend. Complete details will be sent to all eligible 4-H'ers in early December.

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Michael McCoy, newly appointed 4-H Ambassador for Appomattox County, will be available to present programs on 4-H to civic and community groups who request such a program. The Ambassador program has been set up to help promote 4-H in each county.

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The Amelia and Nottoway County Extension Offices have developed a "Wild Game Food Guide and Cookbook." The 50 page booklet has many excellent recipes for game animals and game birds. The booklet sells for $3.00 with all of the profit going to the Holiday Lake 4-H Center. This book would make an excellent Christmas gift for those folks who are always looking for wild game recipes. We have a supply of these in the Extension Office.

Good news for homemakers

Why families argue about money

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent
Why Families Argue About Money

A recent survey showed that 54% of American families argue a great deal about money. It doesn't seem to matter how rich or how poor the family is. The fights are not always between husbands and wives. It can be with teenagers and/or between parents and the teenage children.

Some hints for consideration if money arguments are a part of your household include:

1. Make sure you and your family members are speaking the same language. When you are discussing whether you can afford an expenditure, you are speaking of your gross income while someone else in your family may be referring to discretionary income (after taxes and expenses are taken out). This makes a whale of a difference.

1. Make a list of where the family money goes in order of importance to you. Compare it with other family members list and why not work on one list together and let that be the family budget. Once you know each others priorities, it makes life much easier for everyone concerned. It even makes compromising easier.

3. Lay down rules concerning investments, the use of the car and other issues which are reoccuring often. Decide what percent of the income might be used for investments and who will pay car expenses when it is used.

4. Avoid the "You" approach, which is an accusation. Instead begin the sentences when discussing money with "I," as in the statement, "I would be much happier if things were paid for in cash so there wouldn't be such large credit bills every month." This helps family members feel that everyone is taking responsibility and not one family member putting the blames on others for large charge accounts.

5. Be sure you understand your family members by asking for a question about money to be repeated. If you think your family member is complaining about your use of money when the information is all that is wanted, you might not understand and an argument could occur. Many unnecessary arguments can be avoided if you actually answer the question and do not read something between the lines.

Sometimes what sounds like an argument about money is, in truth, a misunderstanding about the ground rules for handling the money. It is extremely important that a family establish some ground rules for handling money and in this day of the inflated economy, it is most important that every family have a budget and plan wisely.

Many times people overdo their spending during the holiday season. Why not spread the spending out during the year? There are many gifts of love that we can give to others during the holidays--a visit, a loaf of homemade bread, or some other little thoughtful gift can mean a lot more than an expensive purchased one.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8241 or may write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

Reminder: There are copies of **Christmas in Appomattox** available in the Extension Office and the Arts and Crafts Center. Should you want a copy, please let us know or come by the office or the Crafts Center.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Eva's Spoon Burgers

2 medium onions, chopped
1 cup celery, tops or stalks, chopped finely
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 lbs. ground beef
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon garlic salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
4 tablespoons worcestershire sauce
1-½ cups tomato catsup
1 teaspoon salt

Cook onions and celery in margarine or butter until tender. Brown the ground beef and drain off fat. Mix onion-celery mixture, beef and all other ingredients in a saucepan. Cook slowly until flavors have thoroughly blended.

This is a delicious spoon burger which can be put on buns. Try something different and serve them on French bread or in hot dog buns.

Many thanks to Mrs. Eva Mayberry for sharing this delightful and delicious recipe with us. This is a good budget stretcher for the family.

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DAVID SLABACH, Treasurer of the Southside Area Young Farmers Association presents Bobby Wingfield, Richard Jones, and Robert Coleman the Membership Development Award for membership accomplishments in the past year. The Appomattox Young Farmers Association had an increase in membership of ten percent. The award was presented at the area Young Farmer Banquet conducted at Appomattox County High School.

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COUNTRY RUSTIC PLAN HAS CHALET HIGHLIGHTS

City W. D. FARMER

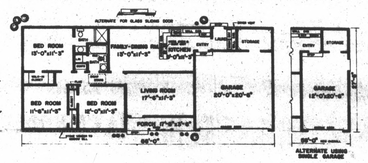
The recessed porch entry to this plan is direct to the living room. This room is rectangular which accomplishes better wall space for furniture placement.

There is a family-dining room combination which, in effect, creates a country kitchen. The kitchen is L-shaped and will accomodate a small breakfast table. There is a garage entry from the kitchen and a back entry through the isolated laundry room.

There are three bedrooms and two full baths, one bath with a shower, the other with tub-shower combination.

Entry from garage closet is in the central hall, dinette are very good in the bedrooms, and a dining-sitting nook is shown from the hall for attic storage. The plan is available with single or double garage and alternate plan sliding doors from the family-dining room to the rear.

The exterior is a quality designed combination rustic and chalet style. The plan is number 2612-B. Price and changes are shown on working plans to encompass the 3 front pictured. The plan includes only 1,240 square feet of heated area. All W. D. Farmer plans include special construction details for energy efficiency and are guaranteed to meet all F.H.A. and V.A. requirements. For further information on plan 2612B, write W. D. Farmer Residences Designer, Inc., P.O. Box 49463, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.



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AMS News

Appomattox Middle School seventh grade life science students engaged in a blood typing activity....

Principal Hezeltine R. Foster and nurse Alease H. Cobb, R.N. left the office and clinic to become resource persons in assisting Mrs. Marbella R. Johnson's life science students in determining their blood types. This activity served as a follow-up in the unit study on the circulatory system. From this activity the blood type of each student was determined.

Mrs. Foster also served as a resource person for Mrs. Rice's 7th grade Home Economics classes. She spoke to the students on the importance of skin care during the teen years. This activity was part of a unit on grooming. The students really enjoyed being taught by their principal and getting to know her better. Another activity these students were involved in was presenting lessons and demonstrations on Good Grooming which they prepared themselves. Each student enjoyed getting to be the "teacher" for a day.

The second issue of the AMS Chronicle will be coming out before Christmas vacation. Students have worked hard researching, reporting, and writing the feature articles. "So much is presently going on that I expect our paper to be at least 5 pages this time, if not more," Mrs. J. Wilkerson, newspaper sponsor, commented. "We ran into a few snags with our first issue, but that's all a part of learning. We expect this issue to surpass our first in quantity, but also in quality." Mrs. Wilkerson believes working on a paper like the Chronicle can be very educational. "Students not only have to learn about responsibilities such as meeting deadlines and researching background information; but they must also polish their writing skills and sharpen their critical thinking skills." Mrs. Roberta Womack is also helping with the publishing of the Chronicle. "She's vital to our operation. We couldn't do it without her." Although the staff is presently made up of 8th graders, positions for 7th graders will be available before the third issue. Staff members are Co-editors: Sheila Mullens, Brett Marston; staff, James Cash, Florence Miller, Janice Foster, Roy Brennen, Jimmy Fillingame, Jeannice Bartelt, Lala Campbell, Pam Scruggs, Lora Thompson and Betsy Wingfield.

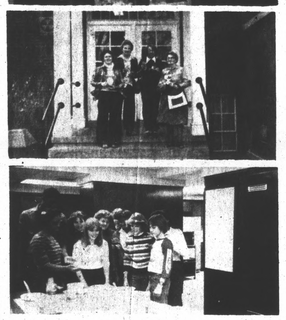
How many times have teachers and parents complained, "I just can't get Johnny to do his homework!" When Mrs. J. Wilkerson had 11 out of a class of 20 on a single morning to "forget" or "lose" their homework she decided to take strong action to correct this problem. "Students naturally love to compete," she said, "so I decided to use that spirit of competition to my advantage." Mrs. Wilkerson held a homework contest. Each student who neglected to turn in their homework had to sign in a homework book, giving their reason for not having their work. Signing in earned 1 point for their class. The object, of course, was for the classes not to earn points. The class with the fewest sign ins over the 6 weeks received free ice cream at lunch. "Not only did I see an immediate increase in the number of students doing their assignments, but I have a written record of those students who neglect their work and why. This is helpful with parent conferences," comments Mrs. Wilkerson. Her 4th period class won for the 2nd six week period with only 11 sign ins for the entire six weeks.

Picture 2

Pictured left to right are Mrs. Evelyn Ford, Mrs. Susie Gaulier, Mrs. Frances Wilson and Mrs. Ethel Evans. These talented homemakers demonstrated how to make many lovely Christmas and gift items to members of the Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Homemakers of America, during the chapters November meeting. Many thanks to these kind ladies and to all citizens and parents who share their time and talents with our students.

Picture 3

Mrs. McKay and her 3rd and 4th year Spanish students are discussing some of their favorite Mexican dishes with the AMS foreign language special interest group. The 3rd and 4th year Spanish students at the high school brought in their favorite Mexican dishes for a feast Wednesday, Nov. 25 and they invited the Middle School students to the feast and to see their 6 week Spanish projects.



SHOWN ABOVE ARE the winners in the American Education WEEK ART AND LITERATURE CONTESTS AT Appomattox Elementary School.

THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES have been studying a food unit for the past two weeks. We have learned the four basic food groups, and how they make strong healthy bodies. A breakfast was prepared for Mrs. Johnson's class on Thursday by Mrs. Thompson, teacher aide, Mrs. Haskins and Mrs. Woody, parents.

TO CONCLUDE THEIR study of Indian customs and habits, the children in Mrs. Hamlett's first grade class at Appomattox Primary School had their faces painted with Indian designs. They also made Indian necklaces and headdresses which they wore to lunch on Friday. Volunteer room mother, JoAnne Burger is pictured as she prepares the Indians for their feast!

PES menu

Tues., Dec. 1 - Meatloaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, biscuits, milk.

Wed., Dec. 2 - Fried Chicken, green lima beans, buttered carrots, sliced bread, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Beef ravioli, french fries, green peas, milk, gingerbread.

Fri., Dec. 4 - Cheese pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Mon., Dec. 7 - Cheeseburgers, blackeye peas, fruit cake, milk.

Tues., Dec. 8 - Sausage pattie, baked apples, red beans, biscuit, milk.

Wed., Dec. 9 - Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, blackeye peas, milk.

Fri., Dec. 11 - Bologna and gravy, french fries, string beans, roll, butter, milk.

Appomattox Elem Menu

Mon., Dec. 7 - Spaghetti w/meat and cheese sauce, tomato and lettuce, salad w/dressing, hot rolls, pear halves, milk.

Tues., Dec. 8 - Foot long hot dogs on bun, pork and beans, cole slaw, fruit cup, milk.

Wed., Dec. 9 - Oven fried chicken, green beans, creamed potatoes, sliced peaches, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Pork w/gravy, green peas, Bucorn, pineapple chunks, milk.

Fri., Dec. 11 - Cheese pizza w/beef, tomato and lettuce salad w/dressing, Bu carrots, applesauce, milk.

Middle School Menu

Wed., Dec. 2 - Pork barbecue on bun, cole slaw, string beans, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green peas, hot roll, milk.

Fri., Dec. 4 - Sausage pattie, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, hot roll, milk.

Mon., Dec. 7 - Hot dogs with chili, baked beans, fruit, brownie, milk.

Tues., Dec. 8 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, apple sauce, hot roll, milk.

Wed., Dec. 9 - Chili beans, cole slaw, fruit, roll, milk.

Primary menu

Mon., Dec. 7 - Pizza, cheese sq., tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tues., Dec. 8 - Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, macaroni and cheese, green peas, milk, orange sections.

Wed., Dec. 9 - Spaghetti, slaw, fruit, roll, butter, milk.

Classified Ads Get Results!

A big one!

Tim McCoy, a resident of McCoy, Virginia (a suburb of Blacksburg) became the holder of the new State Record for muskellunge with the fish he caught on November 17, 1981 in New River near Radford Arsenal.

McCoy's muskie weighed 39 lbs. 13 ounces and was 51.5 inches long. The new record was confirmed by Game Commission Fish Biologist David K. Whitehurst from Roanoke, Virginia.

The previous record holder was Tommy E. Adkins, Jr. from Danville, Virginia.

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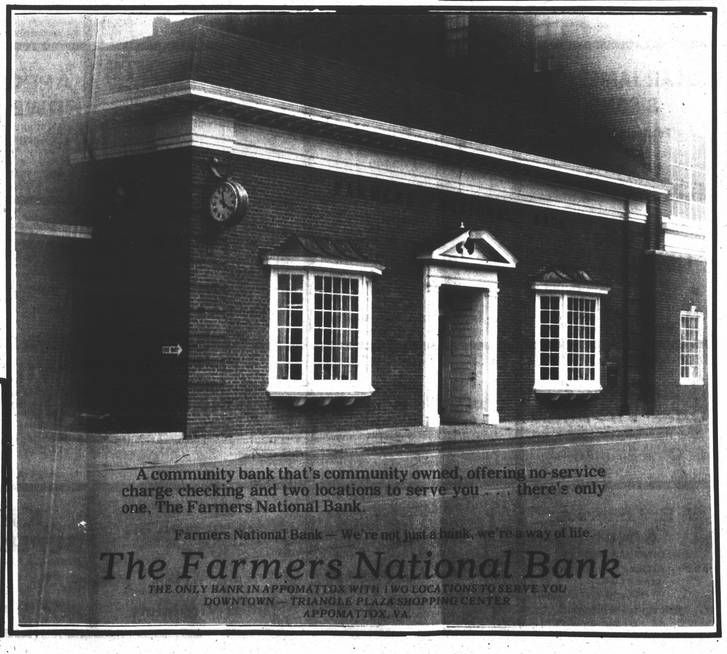
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